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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application.

Claims 14 and 15 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 16-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kelly et al. (5923473).

No claims have been amended.